

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 2629

As Passed House
February 10, 1994

Title: An act relating to junk vehicles.

Brief Description: Revising the definition of junk vehicle.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Appelwick, Campbell, Sommers, Edmondson and Dorn).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Transportation, February 1, 1994, DPS;
Passed House, February 10, 1994, 70-25.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 22 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Jones, Vice Chair; Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Mielke, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Brough; Brumsickle; Cothorn; Eide; Finkbeiner; Heavey; Horn; Johanson; J. Kohl; R. Meyers; Orr; Patterson; Romero; Sheldon; Wood and Zellinsky.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 5 members: Representatives Forner; Fuhrman; Hansen; Quall and Shin.

Staff: Brad Lovaas (786-7307).

Background: In order for a vehicle to meet the statutory definition of a "junk vehicle," it must meet five requirements. Those requirements include that the vehicle: (1) is three years old or older; (2) is extensively damaged; (3) is apparently inoperable; (4) is without a valid, current registration plate; and (5) has an approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it.

Summary of Bill: This legislation changes the definition of a junk vehicle in two ways. First, it deletes the requirement that a vehicle must be without a valid, current registration plate. Secondly, it requires that a vehicle

meet only three of the four remaining criteria in order to be classified as a junk vehicle by law enforcement.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill will allow for disposal of truly junk vehicles.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Gary Pedersen, City of Tacoma; Darlena Gray, Hilltop Action Coalition; Carl Turner, City of Tacoma; Jack Pleasant, Hilltop citizen; Stuart Halsan, Washington Tow Truck Association; and Mike Torbert, Able Auto Wrecking.